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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

The President has received from General Horstad a letter dated November 16 enclosing his proposed instructions to NATO planners to carry out the intent of the President's letter of October 20 to him concerning U.S. policy on military actions in a Berlin conflict. Copies of this letter from General Horstad have already been furnished your offices.

Could you undertake to submit to the President by December 1 your joint recommendation on what action you feel he should now take in response to this latest letter from General Horstad? Meanwhile the November 16 letter will be brought to the President's attention, as well as the fact that, since your joint recommendation will not be reaching him until December 1, no action will be undertaken to use this letter in connection with the current visit of Chancellor Adenauer and the German delegation.

McGeorge Bundy
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

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